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I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Ursula

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Neighbourhood: [Nutana](#)

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - Wed, 20 December 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.2.2 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy [TS2023-1203] and 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing in support of the following motions:

- 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]
- 9.2.2 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy [TS2023-1203]

These measures will go far to moving the City of Saskatoon toward a healthier, safer (saner?), and more equitable and sustainable active transportation network.

[TS2023-1201]

I live in Nutana, so am fortunate to have reasonable access to infrastructure such as 14th Street, the campus, the Meewasin, and the east-side routes north along Central and McOrmond. Nevertheless, I recognize that this is a case of location, location, location. I ride all over the city and I know that other neighbourhoods are not as rich in available, safe, useful (and useful is important here) routes that go where people need to go and can deliver them in a timely fashion. The Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project will provide a significant north/south corridor for citizens using active transportation and as such is a valuable addition to cycling infrastructure in Saskatoon.

[TS2023-1203]

A 30 km/h speed limit to roads designated as Neighbourhood Bikeways is a brilliant plan. There will be squawking, as there was when the idea of lowering speed limits was brought up before (even though at that time it was pointed out that the change would add, what, 20 seconds to the average trip?) Such naysayers should perhaps not be a reason not to implement this plan as there are benefits to all road users – drivers as well as the more vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists.

This summer, four months apart, two Saskatoon residents, Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess, died while riding their bikes. These deaths happened in different parts of the city, so it is not merely a matter of one bad intersection (though I believe Wiggins and College has been cited in a death before).

I would like to see Saskatoon take pro-active steps to ensure fewer such unnecessary deaths in future. The two proposals here are definite and positive moves in the right direction, showing that there is political will to make the city a better and safer place for everyone on the road.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ursula Acton

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No